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BEAR RIVER GRANGE FAIR

Saturday, Sept. 23, was a fine day and Bear River Grange fair was a largely attended affair, about fifteen hundred people being in attendance.

The fair this year was bigger and better than ever before. A good exhibit of fancy work, garden vegetables and live stock was on display. A goodly number of fairs were sprinkled over the grounds. Dixie band was in attendance during the day and the music was much enjoyed.

The exhibits in the hall were very nicely arranged and were exceptionally good. The following is a list of the prize winners:

Best specimen of squash: H. S. Hastings; pumpkin, L. A. Roberts; tomato, Mark Arsenault; onion, W. B. Wight; beet, H. S. Hastings; carrot, E. E. Bennett; turnip, L. A. Roberts; cabbage, W. B. Wight; cauliflower, E. E. Bennett; cantaloupe, E. E. Bennett; siron, E. E. Bennett; watermelon, Master George Wight; potato, Master Allan Thurston; lettuce, Master George Wight; pop corn Master George Wight; yellow sweet corn, C. F. Saunders 1st, W. B. Wight 2nd; white sweet corn, Lewis Powers 3rd.

Largest and best display of vegetables: H. S. Hastings 1st, F. L. French 2nd, C. F. Saunders 3rd.

Largest and best display of fruit: S. L. Davis 1st, F. L. French 2nd, H. S. Hastings 3rd.

Best specimen of butter: Mrs. Mark Arsenault 1st, Mrs. H. S. Hastings 2nd, Mrs. W. B. Wight 3rd.

Best display of canned goods: Josephine Lowell 1st, Mildred Bennett 2nd, Mary Kessell, Hazel Luxton, Doris Jordan 3rd.

Best silk quilt: Mrs. Edward Howe 1st, Mrs. P. W. Wight 2nd, Mrs. A. E. Bailey 3rd.

Best print quilt: Mrs. Eliza Spangler 1st, Phyllis Williamson 2nd, Mrs. Duncan McPherson 3rd.

Best braided rug: Hazel Smith, age 12 years, 1st and 2nd.

Best hand embroidered rug: Mrs. Dan McPherson 2nd.

Best hand embroidered soft pillow: Bella Arsenault 1st.

Best hand embroidered lace: Bella Arsenault 1st.

Best hand embroidered centerpieces: Mrs. H. S. Hastings 1st, Bella Arsenault 2nd.

Best hand embroidered table runner: Mrs. Duncan McPherson 1st, Bella Arsenault 2nd.

Best table runner with crocheted ends: Lena Bartlett 1st, Carrie French 2nd.

Best hand embroidered towels: Blanche Bartlett 1st and 2nd.

Best hand embroidered dollies: Mrs. P. W. Wight 1st, Mrs. A. C. Littlehale 2nd.

Best Applique table runner: Lena Bartlett.

Best crocheted baby's bonnet: Mamie Hewey; baby's moccasins, Mamie Hewey.

Best crocheted collar: Marl Baker 1st.

Best night dress with crocheted yoke: Maria Baker 1st and 2nd.

Best silk sofa pillows: Carrie French 1st.

Best hand knitted stockings: Mrs. Eliza Spangler 1st.

Best hand knitted gloves: Mrs. Bertha Munds 1st.

Best hand knitted mittens: Mrs. Eliza Spangler 1st and 2nd.

Best display of machine knit stockings: Mrs. A. C. Littlehale.

Best brood mare and colt: F. G. Bennett 1st.

Pulling steers, 3-year-olds: Abe Merrill 1st and 2nd.

Best matched 3-year-olds: Abe Merrill 1st and 2nd.

Best matched yearlings: F. G. Bennett 1st.

Best matched calves: Abe Merrill 1st, Best pair trained steers: Abe Merrill 2nd.

HEREFORDS—THOROUGHBREDS

Best herd: N. S. Godwin 1st F. C. Bennett 2nd.

Best calf for stock: F. G. Bennett 1st, N. S. Godwin 2nd.

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Best 3-year-old for stock: N. S. Godwin 1st, F. C. Bennett 2nd.

Best stall for stock: Durham: Bartlett 1st, 2nd.

Best stall for sheep: N. S. Godwin 1st, Best flock of sheep: N. S. Godwin 1st.

HOLSTEINS

Best herd: H. E. Bennett 1st.

Best bull for dairy: H. E. Bennett 1st.

Best cow for dairy: H. E. Bennett 1st.

Best 3-year-old for dairy: H. E. Bennett 1st.

Best yearling for dairy: H. E. Bennett 1st.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

The first social event of the year was held at the William Bligham Gymnasium on Thursday evening, Sept. 20th, when a reception was given by the Senior class to the new teachers and students.

The gymnasium was tastefully decorated with royal purple and white, the colors of the Twentieth Century Club. The Club banner and the Senior banner of green and white occupied prominent places on either side of the stage.

Miss Littlefield and Miss Whitman of the faculty received, assisted by Dr. and Mrs. Gehring, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Achenebach and Mrs. Hanscom. Dancing and games were enjoyed and punch was served.

The Girl Reserves of the Y. W. C. A. began their year's work by inviting the new girls on a hike Tuesday afternoon. Weenies, roast corn, etc., disappeared rapidly as some eighty girls gathered around the fires—a jolly company to say the least. Songs, games and stunts made the time pass all too quickly and all went home feeling that the Y. W. girls were a friendly and happy group. The first service of the year will be held at the close of school next Tuesday afternoon.

The work of grading the playground is now in progress.

The members of the faculty were delightfully entertained on Monday afternoon at a tea given by Mrs. Gehring in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller.

GRANGE NEWS

BETHEL GRANGE

The members of Bethel Grange met at their hall Thursday evening, Sept. 20.

Worthy Master George Haggard called to order. Brothers Copeland, Bartlett, Russell and Mason acted as Overseer, Steward, Assistant Steward and Gate Keeper, and Sisters Copeland, Kinsball and Lowe as Lecturer, Pomona and Flora patrol. It was voted to open the meetings at 7:30 P. M., beginning with the next meeting. Good progress on the work of repairing the hall was reported. Visitors were present from Pleasant Valley Grange. The Worthy Lecturer called on Brothers Melvin and Grover for remarks, also on Brother Armstrong. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday evening, Oct. 4, at 7:30 P. M. Please take notice of change in time of opening meeting.

NEW STATE ROAD

Good news for tourists is the building of a piece of State road near Bryant's Pond. The new piece to be built is to connect onto the old piece about one mile west of the village and will be a big improvement over the old road.

Keeping up with the wireless has progressed so rapidly at the United States Department of Agriculture that those in charge of the work in Washington have not been able to make any complete surveys of the utility of the new service, largely because the growth of radio in farm districts has been going by such leaps and bounds that the returns from any district are almost obsolete by the time they can be tabulated. Nevertheless the Department has a close tab on what kind of news the country wants, because farmers are getting accustomed to write about their wants, their reactions, and their dissatisfaction, to the big institution that heads their business relation with the Government. The writer had the opportunity of collecting the results from 665 letters received from "listeners in," at random in the Agricultural Department. Of these 230 showed greatest interest in market reports, 161 in live stock reports, 177 in grain, 79 in weather, 32 in poultry products, 15 each in dairy and fruit and vegetables, and a lesser number in hay, cotton and feeds.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AGENTS

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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

BROADCASTING TO THE FARMERS

Seventy-five radio broadcasting stations daily handle the reports of the United States Department of Agriculture and they cover every part of the country. The Bureau of Markets sent out its first radio reports on December 13, 1920, at which time they used a low-power broadcasting set at the Bureau of Standards in Washington. This covered a radius of 75 miles that extended into Virginia and Maryland. In the Spring and Summer of 1921, through the cooperation of the Post Office Department, an attempt was made to broadcast to farmers in the vicinity of Air Mail stations along the route from New York to San Francisco, The University of Minnesota and the St. Louis University, and one or two private broadcasting stations got into the game at the time, and before the close of the year the idea of broadcasting market conditions and other reports to the farmers had become established.

That was less than two years ago and it is decidedly interesting to find out how the little idea has grown, and grown, until broadcasting to farmers has become a regular feature of the work of the United States Department of Agriculture. Every branch office of the Department in the United States now has a radio man. The Department has no broadcasting stations of its own, as none are necessary. It has received more applications for the use of its reports than it can grant, because the purpose is to "cover" the country and to avoid saturating the radio news in any locality by duplicating the reports. The high-powered sending stations of the Navy at Arlington, Virginia; Great Lakes, Illinois; New Orleans and San Francisco; and the four principal Air Mail stations between Washington and Omaha, are relied upon to do a lot of the "heavy work" in reaching the farmers. However, as showing how the work is being shared by public institutions it is most interesting to find that daily broadcasting is being done by the Iowa State College, the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, the University of Texas, the Public schools of Boise, Idaho, Chicago Board of Trade, Missouri State Marketing Bureau, University of Nebraska, Los Angeles Union Stockyards, University of Wisconsin, Omaha Grain Exchange, St. Louis University, New Mexico College of Agriculture, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Wisconsin Department of Markets, and the Wichita Board of Trade. Besides the above there are innumerable newspapers and private and commercial agencies that handle the daily reports.

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SKILLINGSTON

Mrs. J. P. Skillings is in Wakefield, visiting her parents.

Miss Elizur Young is visiting her brother, William Young, and sister, Mrs. Clarence Judkins.

Fred Bartlett of Bethel called on Jessie Chapman, Sunday.

Mrs. Maud Sanborn is improving fast from the poisoning in her feet.

Mr. Richardson spent the afternoon with Mrs. Sanborn, Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Foley is assisting Mrs. Sanborn with her housework.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Foley were in Norway, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were in Rumford, Saturday.

Mr. Claud Edwards has the care of the stable for J. P. Skillings.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kimball of Portland made a short call in town one day lately.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Ernest Bryant is working for A. M. Andrews. He is moving into the house recently vacated by Kenneth Benson.

Alvah Hendrickson has been moving Freeman Wyman's goods to Mechanic Falls.

Mrs. Alvah Hendrickson and two children visited her mother, Mrs. A. D. Littlehale, at North Paris one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bryant, Arthur Thurlow and Gladys Thurlow were in

Auburn on business last Wednesday, week end at her home from her school at Auburn.

Miss Elsie Wilson is attending school at Pine Tree Academy, Auburn, Me.

Miss Myrtle Wilson is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Becker.

Miss LuLu Day is teaching the Perkins school and is boarding at Leon Poland's.

Mr. Frank Andrews went to Portland Monday after Mrs. Andrews, who has been spending a few days there.

ALBANY

About fifty people attended the Circle Thursday evening which was entertained by Roy Warrell George Cummings, Will Grover, Irving Becker, L. J. Andrews and Abel Andrews. A bountiful supper was served in an efficient manner, also "work done up" after supper, even to the last dish washed and put away orderly in the cupboard. A pleasant program of music and readings was presented. All felt that many thanks were due to our hosts who gave us such an enjoyable evening.

Guy Johnson from Haverhill, Mass., spent the week end at Irving Becker's.

His mother, Mrs. Inez Bean, returned with him and will keep house for him this winter. He has employment in the shoe shop at Haverhill.

Miss Elizabeth Skeel is spending a few days with friends in Portland.



MUSKRAT AND FRED

Fred had gone on a picnic with several of his friends. They were making coffee when suddenly Fred saw a muskrat. The muskrat was looking at Fred.

"I know what he is saying to me," said Fred, after he had pointed out the muskrat to the others.

The muskrat was sitting by the root of an old tree and was on the opposite side of the river from where Fred and his friends were having their picnic. "What do you suppose he is saying?" the others asked Fred.

"He is saying," Fred continued. "Well, what in the name of old Birch Bark is going on over there? Well, well! I'll just watch those silly creatures."

"Alas, now I will know no privacy. The warm weather has come and the people will come out and I will have no rest until next winter."

"By the ghost of my immortal great-grandfather ten times removed, it was better when wolves and bears were about!"

"Of course," Fred added. "It is not certain that these are his thoughts, but if they aren't they should be."

"Otherwise he would have no reason for looking so cross about our picnic."

"Although," Fred went on, "it might really be excusable in his case, for it seems to me that if I lived in a muddy bank of a river I would have a bad temper, what with colds in the head, rheumatism and tired, cold feet."

As Fred said this the muskrat decided it was time to let his family see what was going on, so up he went along his side of the bank and before long came back again with five relatives.

They all watched to see what mischievous Fred and his friends might be up to, and the youngest of all was

RUMFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jordan and daughter, Priscilla, left Sunday for Arlington, Mass., where they will attend the wedding of Mrs. Jordan's brother, Mr. Waldo Lovejoy, to Miss Constance Dodge. The wedding will occur on Monday evening in the Congregational Church of Arlington. Mr. Lovejoy is a young Rumford business man and is well liked. He is associated with his father, E. L. Lovejoy, in the Rumford Falls Insurance Agency. The young people will make their home with Mr. E. L. Lovejoy on Franklin Street.

Mrs. Armand Bilodeau of this town was killed while on a trip to Quebec with a party of friends and relatives. It appears that Auguste Picard of this town took Mrs. Bilodeau with her father, mother and brother to Asbestos, Que., to visit some relatives. In the evening after arriving the young people were going out for a ride with Picard planning to go to Danville, Que. On a sandy curve the big Paige overturned. All but one girl were pinned under the car, this young lady went for assistance but it was with great difficulty that the rescuers were able to raise the big car and extricate the occupants. All were taken to the Sherbrooke hospital where Mrs. Bilodeau died a few hours later from internal injuries. The other members of the party were seriously injured but not fatally. The body of Mrs. Bilodeau was brought to Rumford and funeral services were held Thursday morning from St. John's Church. Mrs. Bilodeau is survived by her husband, Armand, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Drapier and by four brothers and three sisters all of Rumford. Mrs. Bilodeau was well known in Rumford and her many friends extend their sympathy to her husband. She was 19 years of age.

On Tuesday afternoon at the church parlor of the Universal Church an informal social was held in honor of Mrs. Lambert who left on Friday morning for St. Petersburg, Florida. The parlor was handsomely decorated with cut flowers and a large number of ladies were present. After the business meeting was over at which time the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Nina Israelson; vice-president, Mrs. Louise Hutchins; secretary, Mrs. Emma B. Howe and treasurer, Mrs. Edora Ames; a delightful luncheon of sandwiches, cake and tea was served. Following this Mrs. Clough introduced Mrs. Clara M. Jones as the speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. Jones arose and in her pleasant and gracious manner presented Mrs. Lambert with a writing portfolio and a fountain pen. Mrs. Lambert responded in a pleasing manner and promised to use both gifts in writing to members of the Aid.

Albert Shea, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Shea of Knox Street, has resumed his studies at the Northeastern College in Boston.

Miss Mary Sanford Conomo, who has been for several years domestic science teacher in the Rumford schools left the first of the week for Springfield, Md., where she has accepted a position as dietitian in the state hospital.

Strangely enough, the young muskrat was very curious. He was more curious than the first one had been and more curious than muskrats usually are.

"I'm going to stay around," he said to himself. "The others seem to have seen all they want to see. But I want to watch these curious people amusing themselves as they sit about and eat."

So the young muskrat wandered about and something was thrown in his direction. He picked it up, and it was good to eat.

Yes, it was a most delightful sandwich. He knew his family would not approve of his eating food given him in that way. He knew that the old muskrat who had been around first would have said to him:

"Young idiot, do you not remember our aunt's mother's cousin was just such a fool as you, and now where is he?"

"Where is he, Tusk yes? He is the middle piece of a lady's fur coat; that is where he is."

But the young muskrat was glad his wise relation was not around to speak to him in this way, for one's elders were silly, all young creatures knew that!

And besides, the soft sandwich had been very good. And now he gobbed another one for, on second thoughts his wise relatives and the eldest of all especially, might not warn him against the picnic food, but might eat it themselves.

And the sandwich did him no harm. No, indeed; but Fred wondered if he might not get too many fine ideas in his muskrat head.

Yes, Fred was afraid that perhaps he might think that he was to be given delicacies like this, and that his young head might be turned.

Or perhaps he might suffice the same fare as his relative who was now in a lady's fur coat.

But still Fred would give him nothing but the best of food, and perhaps it was nice for a muskrat to be able to enjoy a picnic as well as people.

That was what Fred finally decided. If people enjoyed picnics then surely in a while a muskrat might be given the joy of a picnic, too.

And whenever after that Fred went on a picnic he always spoke of the muskrat to whom he had thrown sandwiches and who had seemed as fond of eating picnic food as any of them.

And he wondered, too, if the muskrat belonged to the other incidents of the attention he had received.

For surely it was enough to make a innocent mouse a little bit, at any rate.

and first year in the high grades. This will save expense and it is deemed wiser as pupils before the ages contained in the seventh grade are able to do very little and so little that it is not thought it warrants the expense put into this course earlier than the seventh grade.

In doing this one teacher for manual training and one teacher for domestic science can handle all the classes in the Rumford schools, so this makes quite a reduction in the expense account.

Rodney MacGregor entertained a party of boys at a corn roast at the Abbott farm at East Rumford, Saturday night. Among those present were Horace Irish, Charles Hutchins and Willard Shurtleff. The boys had a fine time and ate generously of the corn.

Mrs. H. W. Curtis and two children, Robert and Wallace, accompanied by Mrs. Curtis' mother, Mrs. H. B. Whittle of Waltham, Mass., arrived in town on Thursday of last week and are now settled in the Baptist rectory. The Rev. Mr. Curtis began his pastoral at the Rumford Baptist church on Sunday of last week.

Shining Windows.
Window panes rubbed briskly with a cloth dipped in vinegar will be bright.

Sloan's, Sunday.

Annie Cross was the guest of Marjorie Fairwell one night last week.

RUMFORD POINT

F. A. Knight and wife of Geo. were calling on friends here Wednesday.

W. S. Stearns and L. W. Stowe are working in the corn shop at the Center.

Mrs. Hayes is a guest of Mrs. Fanny Horn of Norway.

Mr. Merrill of Gorham, N. H., was in town Tuesday.

W. H. Barker is home from the Lakes. L. M. Hutchins and family attended Farmington fair.

Holt Bros. of Dixfield were setting work in the cemetery here last week.

Ralph Hall and wife of East Dixfield were in town, Tuesday.

Most of the people here went to Newry Fair, Saturday.

Al. E. Barker and family went to Lewiston for the winter, recently.

Bethel Village Corporation FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

1 blast, repeated at one minute intervals—Broad Mason and Paradise Streets.

2 blasts, repeated at one minute intervals—Mill Hill.

3 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Church, Park, Upper High, Upper Summer, Elm Streets.

4 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Main to Bryant's Store, Spring, Brighton, Chapman Streets.

5 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Lower Main, Mechanic, Lower High, Clark, Lower Summer, Vernon Streets.

6 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Mills, Mill Yards and Railroad Street.

In case of fire call the telephone office, tell the operator where the fire is, and she will tend to the alarm. There are two alarm boxes, one on the corner of Church and Main Streets, the other on the corner of Main and High Streets at the rear of Wm. C. Bryant's store.

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Because of our two stores and our large patronage we are able to give you large showings of these manufacturers' products.

Fall Suits and Overcoats Now Ready

NORWAY

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The new Ford cars are now ready for your inspection, introducing changes that improve the appearance of the various body types and increase their comfort and utility.

They offer you not only economical and dependable transportation, but also a more attractive style and a greater share of motoring convenience—a combination that makes the outstanding value of Ford cars more impressive than ever.

See the new Ford models now on display in our showroom.

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Protected against every wind, snug and warm all winter will you be inside your Knockabout Coat. They are built of outdoor fabrics, warm and serviceable.

For Business:

The absence of frills and furbelows, the presence of smart trim lines, commends the Knockabout to you for business. It will stand hard wear.

An extremely smart model in overplaid Chinchilla, cleverly pocketed and cuffed.

For Motoring:

For fall or winter driving, there is no companion like a Knockabout Coat, whether you are at the wheel or one of those who rule. Most beautiful models especially recommended for motoring.

The Latest Wear:

Of one thing you can always be certain in a Wooltex Knockabout—long service. Wooltex coats are tailored like a man's fine overcoat, finished with old style. A Knockabout bought now will be a service coat for several seasons to come.

WOOLTEX COATS in the following high grade materials, Excello, Pentiture, Ganada, Francine, Fashona, Polaire, Chinchilla and overplaids.

Prices are \$24.75, \$30.75, \$40.75, \$50.75, \$75.00.

Ladies' and Misses' Fall Dresses

A presentation of radiantly beautiful, fashionably correct Fall Dresses for those who are ready for the Fall season. The display comprises a large number of delightful youthful styles and we should be more than pleased to have you inspect them.

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WHY

Some Scholars Believe Earth
Is Drying Up

Geographers assert that there is every evidence that the great desert belt that extends across Africa and Asia at or a little above the tropic of Cancer is growing larger and drier. The Syrian desert, which is now an utter waste, was crowded with cities and full of cultivated fields only two or three thousand years ago. Mesopotamia and Persia, ancient seats of civilization, could scarcely have risen so high if their climate then had been what it is now.

There are plenty of evidences that the Sahara and the Libyan desert have encroached on the fertile lands of north Africa and of the Sudan. The old "granary of Rome" in Tunisia is now largely an arid waste. It is not surprising that the Nile draws less water than it used to from its tributaries in the Sudan, and loses more than it used to by evaporation. Most geographers agree that the deserts are growing at present. Some believe that it is only an inevitable step in the drying up of the earth, and expect the process to go on forever, though perhaps with occasional remissions.

Other scholars say that there is evidence of an extraordinary amount of fluctuation in the climate of the world; that there have been much drier periods than ours, as well as much milder ones; and that the whelming of the northern desert band is only a phase in a long-time movement of climate from wet to dry and back again. But as these recent movements are extremely slow, often taking many thousands of years to complete their swing, none of us now living will be here long enough to know which theory is the right one.

TO MAKE COMPLETE CHANGE

Why the Post Office Department Is
Revising Entire Stamp Series
Is Explained to Public.

A complete change in the design of our stamps has just been announced by the United States postal service, the ninth in the history of the country. Denominations from one cent to twelve cents follow the time-honored custom of commemorating "great figures in American history." The story of the nation is told in the nine designs and denominations from 14 cents to \$5.

The purpose of revising the entire stamp series was to produce designs which would have more distinctive color and clearer numerals. Numerous complaints concerning the old designs were made to the Post office department and it is known that serious losses and mistakes resulted from the lack of definition in certain of the former designs.

Traditional fate has waited upon the 13-cent stamp. This denomination will not appear in the new series. It was brought out during the war when the combined postage and registration fee was 13 cents. Two new denominations take the place of this engraving in the stamp constellation, the 14-cent stamp and the 23-cent stamp, which are useful in connection with parcel post.

Why Best Bananas Remain Home.

The ordinary fruit-stand banana is grown chiefly in Jamaica, Costa Rica and other parts of tropical America. Some attempt has been made to grow them in California, Louisiana and in other states with warm climates, but this is more or less of an experiment, because the plant cannot endure the slightest frost. As a novelty, a few banana plants have borne fruit in colder climates, but under special protection.

It is interesting to note that the best and most tasty bananas are not known to most of us because they are too perishable to ship any distance. In the East Indies there are bananas that grow over a foot long and about two inches thick. These are not exported but are used for home consumption—the Pathidee.

Why Editors Went Armed.

J. H. Holloman has written the life of his ancestor, Henry Holloman, who founded the London Gazette in 1660 and the British News.

Holloman's "News Letters," from 1677 to 1700, the manuscripts of which have been at Longfellow's library, have still been recently examined. Mr. Holloman compares the life of a journalist of those far-off days with that of the present.

"A remarkable contrast," he writes, "is a modern editor's devotion to his daily task as presented by the bearded, broad-shouldered news writer, mounted on horseback and racing to Whitehall or to the 'Newgate' in the Strand armed with a sword and a brace of pistols in his holster, because of the footpads at Knightsbridge."

Why Jesters Dutifully Newly Married.

All the world is popularly supposed to have a lover and it is a common belief that all the world has a kindly spot in his or their hearts for the newlyweds. There is, however, one class that does not look with eyes of favor on the newly married—the apartment house jester.

"These new tenants is 'ix,'" said one disconsolate, the other night, "are arrivistes."

"Why the devil?" asked a friend.

"AN arriviste are a necessary," replied the jester, "ringing off a large chain of tobacco. 'They don't know how to run things. The first thing you know every face in the place is Mew's eye.'



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Carl La. Brown, Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in the Estates herein after named.

At a Probate Court, held at Bethel, for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of September, 1923, of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, the following matters having been presented for action thereupon hereinafter indicated.

That notice thereof be given to persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three times successively in the Oxford County Journal, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they appear at a Probate Court to be held at Bethel, on the third Tuesday of October, 1923, at 9 o'clock A. M., before A. T. Lowe, Justice of the Peace, to answer the foregoing and to be heard thereon.

John E. Lowe late of Bethel, deceased, petition for an allowance of a personal estate presented by E. T. Lowe, widow.

Richard M. Williamson late of Bethel, deceased, petition for probate of his will and for the appointment of his executors, and for the removal of A. Williamson as executor of the estate without bond as expressed in his will, presented by said Harry A. Williamson, the executor therein named.

Hannah J. Sargent late of Rumford, deceased, first and last executors, petition for an allowance by Lewis A. Sargent, her son.

Wm. Arvelas E. Stearns, deceased, of Rumford, in the year of his death, 1919, and his wife, Anna, deceased, of Rumford, in the year of her death, 1920, petition for an allowance by Lewis A. Stearns, their son.

Albert D. Park, deceased, of Rumford, in the year of his death, 1920.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of August Carter, late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bond to the law directs. All persons having cause against the estate of said Carter are desired to present the same to the court for settlement, and all indebted to her are requested to make payment accordingly.

FRANCES H. CARTER,

Bethel, Maine.

September 20th, 1923

Charter No. 7613

Reserve District No. 1

REPORT OF CONDITION OF
BETHEL NATIONAL BANK

At Bethel in the State of Maine, on Sept. 14, 1923, in the close of business.

RESOURCES

1. a. Loans and discounts, including redemptions, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and e) \$70,

4. U. S. Government Securities owned:

a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value) \$10,000.00

b. All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any) 27,329.00

Total 37,329.00

5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc. 101,

6. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, cash in vault and amount due from national banks 16,

Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 35,369.10

7. Miscellaneous cash items, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury and due from U. S. Treasury 27,329.00

Total 54,698.10

LIABILITIES

8. Capital stock paid in, surplus funds 52,

9. Undivided profits \$14,122.00

10. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid 1,259.00 12,863.00

11. Circulating notes outstanding

12. Pending checks outstanding

Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 41,523

13. Individual deposits subject to check 20,

Total of demand deposits other than Reserve, Items 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 29,151.25

Total 57,724.25

STATE OF MAINE, COUNTY OF OXFORD, 1923.

I, Elbert C. Park, Justice of the Peace, having named bank, do solemnly declare that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELBERT C. PARK, Q.C.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of September, 1923.

A. E. HERRICK, Notary Public

Correct—Attest:

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Carl L. Brown, Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named.

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinbefore indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen, a newspaper published at Bethel, Maine, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris on the third Tuesday of October, A. D., 1923, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Edward E. Lewis late of Bethel, deceased; petition for an allowance out of personal estate presented by Louis E. Lowe, widow.

Richard M. Williamson late of Newry, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Harry A. Williamson as executor of the same, without bond as expressed in said will presented by said Harry A. Williamson, the executor therein named.

Hannah J. Sergeant late of Megalope Plantation, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Lewis Lewis, executor.

Wm. Arctas E. Stearns, Judge of Probate at Paris, this third Tuesday in September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

Albert D. Park, Register.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Augustus M. Carter late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereof are requested to make payment immediately.

FRANCES H. CARTER,
Bethel, Maine.
September 26th, 1923
9-27-31

Charter No. 7613

Reserve District No. 1
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE
BETHEL NATIONAL BANK,

At Bethel in the State of Maine, at the close of business on Sept. 14, 1923.

RESOURCES

1 a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)

\$70,349.75

4 U. S. Government Securities owned:
a Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds per value),

10,000.00

b All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any),

27,329.00

Total, 37,328.00

5 Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.

101,577.20

8 Law reserve with Federal Reserve Bank,

12,011.60

13 Cash in vault and amount due from national banks,

33,563.10

Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13,

53,562.10

24 b Miscellaneous cash items,

525.45

25 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer,

600.00

Total, 474,471.25

LIABILITIES

12 Capital stock paid in,

525,000.00

13 Undivided profits,

14,323.95

c Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid,

1,339.60

20 Circulating notes out standing,

10,000.00

21 Postage checks outstanding,

84.21

Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, 84.23

22 Individual deposits subject to check

Total of demand deposits other than bank deposits subject to Reserve,

Items 26, 27, 28, 29,

30, and 31,

201,513.91

Total, 275,571.22

STATE OF MAINE,

COUNTY OF OXFORD, 88:

I, Elvry C. Park, Casher of the

above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELVRY C. PARK, Casher.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 15th day of September, 1923.

A. E. BERRICK, Notary Public.

Exact - Attest:

HERBERT M. WALKER,

CLARENCE K. FOX,

FRED L. HOWARD,

Directors.

WEST PARIS

There was a very pleasant family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stevens, Sunday, when they assisted by their son, Ernest Blisbee, entertained a family party composed of the descendants of the Stevens' and Blisbee's. The efforts of Mr. Stevens and his family were greatly appreciated and the day was happily and quietly passed. Music was furnished on the Victrola and a bountiful dinner was served with plenty of homemade ice cream. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stevens of Paris, Mrs. Lucy Cummings and sons, Leon and Ronald of Freeport; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stevens and daughters, Marion and Irene, and sons, Stanley and Harry of Summer; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens and daughter, Dorothy, of Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayden and daughter, Annette of Bucksfield; Eugene Hazelton of Summer; Mr. and Mrs. R. Tuell, Mr. and Mrs. George Tuell and daughter, Margaret, and son, Gilman, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stevens, and son Ernest Stevens.

Evelyn J., daughter of Mrs. Bessie Oldham Small and the late Frank Small, passed away at Mother's Sanitarium Friday morning. She was born in West Paris, May 6, 1904, and with the exception of eight years, when the family resided in Berlin, N. H., has spent her life here. Miss Small has been in delicate health from her birth but was able to attend school until her first year in high school, when heart disease and other complications made it necessary for her to leave school. She has continued to fail gradually, but her final illness has been very painful. With the other complications she had an abscess caused from a tooth which had to be removed, and she was taken to Mother's Sanitarium.

Miss Small was a lovely young lady, deeply interested in the higher things of life. As long as health permitted she was a regular attendant at the Federal church and Sunday School, her religious preference being Methodist. She was a member of West Paris Grange, and was an interested worker. Miss Small had a very sweet soprano voice, and was always willing to sing when invited and conditions permitted.

Besides her mother she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Kathleen, wife of Lorenzo Littlefield, and Roselle, also three brothers Nathan, Bernard and Elwin, all younger than she, a grandmother, Mrs. P. J. Bates of Lisbon, and uncle, Walter Small, of Dixfield.

The funeral was held from the Baptist church Sunday. Rev. C. H. Young of Norway officiated by special request. There were many pretty flowers.

THE J. E. JONES LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

all the way from enthusiasm to simple assent, and 221 hold out that it is "no good." Since about one-third of the Agents replied that they had not personally listened in to receive the mystic messages of radio the attitude of the 221 Doubting Thomases seems to be accounted for.

What radio can do—and is doing to improve the happiness and advance the prosperity of farm dwellers is altogether another story. The Agricultural Department takes it for granted that there is at least nothing harmful that can come out of radio and therefore it is constantly expanding its service in the hope that every farm in the United States will be reached in time. And as the wave widens and the number of radio users grows the Department proposes to increase its efficiency and if necessary add additional features to its service, because the functions of this branch of Uncle Sam's institution is almost wholly "Service."

THE KU KLUX KLAN

Independent of what the Ku Klux Klan may be as an organization it is universally regarded as dynamic in all well-regulated newspaper offices. But by harkening back to Huxley's Lay Sermons, wherein it is recorded that "a world of facts lies outside and beyond the world of words," we obtain a background that takes us "outside" the Oklahoma struggle into the safety zone where President U. S. Grant like Governor Jack Walton "took up arms against a sea of trouble," and by upholding the Klan that operated in the South ended it. In a special message to Congress on March 31, 1871, President Grant asked for legislation empowering him to deal with a condition of affairs which he described as "rendering life and property insecure, and the carrying of the mails and the collection of the revenue dangerous." Congress passed the "force bill" within a month. The President was empowered to use "the militia or the land and naval forces of the United States . . . for the suppression of such insurrection, domestic violence, or combinations" as existed. A short time thereafter President Grant issued a proclamation calling upon members of the associations in nine countries in South Carolina to disperse and surrender their arms and disguise within five days. Two hundred persons were arrested and the Klan was completely overthrown in the country.

According to Governor Walton the Klan has become an "invisible govern-

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about my housework and I was so dizzy

I was afraid to walk across the floor

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Dean's Kidney Pills—the same that

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Mrs. Buffalo, N. Y.

advises

mout" in Oklahoma, and as such it is

claimed that it is replacing constituted

civil authority. The Klan of today is

far different in purpose from that which

existed after the Civil War, but its

methods are similar in many respects.

Quite likely Governor Jack Walton has

been reading up on Grant's experiences,

and has concluded that a modern gov-

ernor ought to be able to match the

achievements of an old-time president.

Anyhow he has succeeded in making

Oklahoma more spectacular than ever

and that's "going some."

WATCHDOGGING THE TREASURY

A well-authenticated news item ap-

pearing in the Washington newspapers

this week says that Secretary of the

Treasury Mellon is preparing to defeat,

if possible, the passage of a soldiers'

bonus bill at the coming session of Con-

gress. Mellon is reported as making

plans to educate the country to the men-

ace of increased taxation. He will

specialize in this undertaking by mak-

ing an antisubversive fight. Despite the

prediction that Congress is bound up for

the bonus it is remembered that Mellon

won out last Winter. All signs point

towards failure.

**UTK****Tailor Shop**

The BLIND MAN'S EYES

By William MacLay
Edwin Balmer

ILLUSTRATIONS BY
R.H. Livingston

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Bob Connery, conductor, tells his master he is expecting a visitor, to be admitted without question. "He is not dead yet. Life is still present," Sinclair answered guardedly. "Whether he will live or ever regain consciousness is another question."

"One you can't answer?"

"The blow, as you can see"—Sinclair touched the man's face with his left finger-tips—"fell mostly on the cheek bone. The cheekbone is fractured. He is in a complete state of coma; and there may be some fracture of the skull. Of course, there is some concussion of the brain."

Any inference to be drawn from this as to the seriousness of the injuries was plainly beyond Connery. "How long ago was he struck?" he asked.

"Some hours. Since midnight, certainly; and longer ago than five o'clock this morning."

"Could he have revived half an hour ago—say within the hour—enough to have pressed the button and rung the bell from his birth?"

Sinclair straightened and gazed at the conductor curiously. "No, certainly not," he replied. "That is completely impossible. Why did you ask?"

Connery avoided answer. But Avery pushed forward. "What is that? What's that?" he demanded.

"Will you go on with your examination, Doctor?" Connery urged.

"You said the bell from this birth rang recently!" Avery accused Connery.

"I am passing through that car. Connery noticed Dorn's hand hanging outside the birth. He ascended Dorn's steps and ran up to him. Dorn was crushed. He called a surgeon, Dr. Sinclair, on the train."

He looked up and down the aisle to assure himself that no one had entered the car during his examination; then he carefully drew the curtains together again, and hurried to the forward end of the car, where he had left the porter.

"Lock the rear door of the car," he commanded. "Then come back here." He gave the negro the keys, and himself waited to prevent anyone from entering the car at his end. Looking through the glass of the door, he saw the young man Eaton standing in the vestibule of the car next ahead. Connery hesitated; then he opened the door and beckoned Eaton to him.

"Will you go forward, please?" he requested, "and see if there isn't a doctor?"

"You mean the man with red hair in my car?" Eaton inquired.

"That's the one." Eaton started off without asking any questions. The porter, having locked the rear door of the car, returned and gave Connery back the keys. Connery still waited, until Eaton returned with the red-haired man. He let them in and locked the door behind them.

"You are a doctor?" Connery quizzed the red-haired man.

"I am a surgeon; yes."

"That's what's wanted, Doctor." "My name is Sinclair. I am Douglass Sinclair of Chicago."

Connery nodded. "I have heard of you." He turned then to Eaton. "Do you know where the gentleman is who belongs to Mr. Dorn's party?" Avery asked.

"He is in the observation car," Eaton answered.

"Will you go and get him? The car is locked. The porter will let you in and out. Something serious has happened here—in Mr. Dorn's car. Mr. Avery, if you can, without disturbing Mr. Dorn's daughter."

Eaton nodded understandingly and directed the porter who, taking the keys again from the conductor, let him out at the rear door of the car and relocked the door behind him. Eaton went on into the observation car.

Without startling Harriet Eaton, by and Avery saw out of the car. "Is something wrong with Mr. Dorn?" Donald Avery demanded as he drew back to let Avery the door into the open part of the car.

"The conductor says—"

Avery hurried forward toward the bench where Connery was standing by the surgeon. Connery turned toward him.

"Of course, by all means proceed with your examination, Doctor."

Avery started to speak, checked himself—and then he said: "There could be no reaction. I believe, Doctor Sinclair."

"What do you mean?"

"His optic nerve is destroyed."

"Aha! He was blind!" Avery admitted.

"Blind!" Sinclair ejaculated. "Indeed, it happened upon within two years by Hume Gartis." Hume Gartis opened his eyes again and pointed to the first class of Gartis' circle. The surgeon's gaze again searched the features in the birth; then it shifted to the men gathered about him in the aisle.

"Who did you say this was?" he demanded of Avery.

"I said his name was Nathan Dorn." Avery added.

"No, no!" Sinclair jerked out impatiently. "Just this—" He hesitated, and finished in a voice suddenly lowered: "Just this Dorn! Nathan Dorn!"

"If he still wished to do so, found it impossible to deny."

"Nathan Dorn!" Connery breathed.

The surgeon having finished looking over the patient, pulled open and carefully removed the jacket part, leaving the upper part of the body of the man in the birth exposed. Connery turned to Avery.

"You have no objection to my taking a lot of the articles in the birth?"

Avery seemed to oppose; then, apparently, he recognized that this was an obvious part of the conductor's duty. "None at all," he replied.

Connery gathered up the clothing, the glasses, the watch and purse, and laid them on the seat across the aisle. Sitting down, then, opposite them, he examined them, and taking everything from the pockets of the clothing, he began to catalogue them before Avery. He turned over the glasses and the purse, and then, abruptly, it turned away. Avery stood clinging to the curtains, his eyes staring from one to another of the three men.

"Will you start your examination now, Doctor Sinclair?" Connery suggested.

The surgeon, before examining the man in the birth more closely, lifted the shades from the window. Avery

had seen the birth was in place, undisturbed; except for the mark of the savage blow on the side of the man's head, there was no evidence of anything unusual. It was self-evident that, whatever had been the motives of the attack, robbery was not one; whoever had struck had done no more than reach in and deliver his murderous blow; then he had gone on.

Sinclair made first an examination of the head; completing this, he unbuttoned the pajamas upon the chest, loosened them at the waist and prepared to make his examination of his list; he rejoined the surgeon.

"How long has he been dead?" Connery asked.

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"About two years ago."

"For what?"

"It was some operation on the gallbladder."

"Performed by Kuno Garrit?"

"Avery hesitated. "I believe so."

He watched Sinclair more closely as he continued his examination. Connery touched the surgeon on the arm. "What must be done, Doctor? And where and when do you want to do it?"

Sinclair, however, it appeared, had not yet finished his examination.

"Will you pull down the window curtains?" he directed.

As Connery, reaching across the body, complied, the surgeon took a

possession of enough money for his own support, made it possible for him to live idly if he wished; but Santoline had not chosen to make his blindness an excuse for doing this. He had at once settled himself to his chosen profession, which was law. He had not found it easy to get a start with a small and unimportant firm. Within a short time, well within two years, men had begun to recognize that in this struggling law firm there was a powerful, clear, compelling mind.

Santoline, a youth living in darkness, unable to see the men with whom he talked or the documents and books which must be read to him, was beginning to put the stamp of his personality on the firm's affairs. A year later his name appeared with others of the firm; at twenty-eight he was the leading name. He had begun to specialize long before that time, in corporation law; he married shortly after this. At thirty the firm name represented to those who knew its particulars only one personality, the personality of Santoline; and at thirty-five—though his indifference to money was proverbial—he was many times a millionaire. But except among the small and powerful group of men who had learned to consult him, Santoline himself at that time was utterly unknown.

Consulted continually by men concerned in great projects, immersed day and night in vast affairs, capable of living completely as he wished—he had been, at the age of forty-six, great but not famous, powerful but not publicly known. At that time an event had occurred which had forced the blind man out unwillingly from his obscurity.

This event had been the murder of the great western financier, Matthew Latron. There had been nothing in this affair which had in any way shadowed dishonor upon Santoline. So much as in his role of a mind without personality Santoline ever fought, he had fought against Latron; but his fight had been not against the man but against methods. There had come then a time of uncertainty and unrest; public consciousness was in the process of awakening to the knowledge that strange things, approaching close to the likeness of what men call crime, had been being done under the unassuming name of business. Santoline—financial scandal—breathed more strongly against Latron than perhaps against any of the other western men. He had been among their biggest; he had his enemies, of whom impersonally Santoline might have been counted one, and he had his friends, both in high places; he was a world figure. Then, all of a sudden, the man had been struck down—dead, because of some private quarrel, men whispered, by an obscure and till then unheard-of man.

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The trembling wires and cables, which should have carried to the waiting world the expected news of Latron's conviction, carried instead the news of Latron's death; and disorder followed.

The first public concern had been, of course, for the stocks and bonds of the great Latron properties; and Latron's bigness had seemed only further evidenced by the stanchness with which the Latron banks, the Latron railroads and mines and public utilities stood firm even against the shock of their builder's death. Asured of this, public interest had shifted to the trial, conviction and sentence of Latron's murderer; and it was during this trial that Santoline and it was during this trial that Santoline had become more publicly known. Not that the blind man was suspected of any knowledge—much less of any complicity—in the crime; the murder had been because of a purely private matter; but in the eager questioning into Latron's circumstances and surroundings previous to the crime, Santoline was summoned into court as a witness.

The blind man, led into the court, sitting sightless in the witness chair, revealing himself by his spoken and even more by his unspoken, as one of the unknown factors of the destiny of the Continent and by comparison to the most powerful—indeed, to the most powerful—of the nation's "unknown factors."

Eaton obeyed, drawing the light slowly away as Sinclair had directed, and the surgeon dropped the eyelid and exposed the other pupil.

"What's that for?" Avery now asked.

"I was trying to determine the seriousness of the injury to the brain. I was looking to see whether light could cause the pupil to contract. There was no reaction."

Avery started to speak, checked himself—and then he said: "There could be no reaction. I believe, Doctor Sinclair."

"What do you mean?"

"His optic nerve is destroyed."

"Aha! He was blind!" Avery admitted.

"Blind!" Sinclair ejaculated. "Indeed, it happened upon within two years by Hume Gartis."

Hume Gartis opened his eyes again and pointed to the first class of Gartis' circle.

The surgeon's gaze again searched the features in the birth; then it shifted to the men gathered about him in the aisle.

"Who did you say this was?" he demanded of Avery.

"I said his name was Nathan Dorn." Avery added.

"No, no!" Sinclair jerked out impatiently. "Just this—" He hesitated, and finished in a voice suddenly lowered: "Just this Dorn! Nathan Dorn!"

"If he still wished to do so, found it impossible to deny."

"Nathan Dorn!" Connery breathed.

The surgeon having finished looking over the patient, pulled open and carefully removed the jacket part, leaving the upper part of the body of the man in the birth exposed. Connery turned to Avery.

"You have no objection to my taking a lot of the articles in the birth?"

Avery seemed to oppose; then, apparently, he recognized that this was an obvious part of the conductor's duty. "None at all," he replied.

Connery gathered up the clothing, the glasses, the watch and purse, and laid them on the seat across the aisle. Sitting down, then, opposite them, he examined them, and taking everything from the pockets of the clothing, he began to catalogue them before Avery. He turned over the glasses and the purse, and then, abruptly, it turned away. Avery stood clinging to the curtains, his eyes staring from one to another of the three men.

"Will you start your examination now, Doctor Sinclair?" Connery suggested.

The surgeon, before examining the man in the birth more closely, lifted the shades from the window. Avery

said, "I'll get them; but before I decide to do anything, I ought to see his daughter. Since she is here, her consent is necessary before any operation on him."

"Miss Santoline is in the observation car," Avery said. "I'll get her."

The tone was in some way false. Eaton was not tell exactly how.

Avery started down the aisle.

"One moment, please, Mr. Avery."

He said to the conductor, "I'll ask you not to tell Miss Santoline before any other passenger that there has been an attack upon her father. Wait until you get her inside the door of this car."

"You yourself said nothing, then, that can have made her suspect it?"

Connery shook his head; the conductor, in doubt and anxiety over exactly what action the situation called for, mumbled, to communicate with his superiors to the west because of the wires being down—clearly had resolved to keep the attack upon Santoline secret for some time. "I said nothing definite even to the trainmen," he replied; "and I want you gentlemen to promise me before you leave this car that you will say nothing until I give you leave."

"His eyes shifted from the face of one to another, until he had assured himself that all agreed. As Avery left the car, Eaton found a seat in one of the end sections near the drawing room. He did not know whether to ask to leave the car, or whether he ought to remain; and he would have gone except for recollection of Harriet Santoline. Then the curtain at the end of the car was pushed further aside, and she came in.

She was very pale, but quite controlled, as Eaton knew she would be.

Connery sat down on the rear of the train.

"A moment, sir!" Connery called.

Eaton halted. The conductor confronted him.

"Your name, sir?" Connery asked.

"Philip D. Eaton."

Connery wrote down the answer.

"Your address?"

"I have no address. I was going to a hotel in Chicago—which one I hadn't decided yet."

"Where are you coming from?"

"From Asia."

"That's hardly an address, Mr. Eaton."

"I can give you no address abroad. I had no fixed address there. I arrived

CHAPTER VII

WANT COLUMN

Twenty-five words or less, one week, 25 cents; second week, 15 cents; each additional week, 10 cents.
Each word more than 25: One week, 1 cent and each additional week, 1/2 cent.

Parished Jersey
STEPHEN E. ABBOTT,
Maplewood,
R. P. D. I., Bethel, Me.
12-2-24

NOTICE—I am prepared to do long distance trucking of all kinds. C. L. Davis, Bethel, Me. 9-17

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS—We can get you a ribbon for any make type writer you want. Call up the Citizen Office and ask us about it.

R. F. GOODWIN, D. G.
Natick, N. H.
Will be in Bethel at Maple Inn, twice a week, Sunday and Wednesday, from 8 to 8:30 P. M.

FOR SALE—All sorts of logging equipment, sleds, harness, blankets and apparel, chains and machinery, shooting equipment and wagons supplies. Est. J. M. Weston, by H. H. Hastings, Administrator. 9-13-21

FOR SALE—Two pairs heavy woods harness. H. H. Hastings, Bethel, Me. 9-13-21

WANTED—A place for a young man to work and attend school. Inquire at the Citizens Office, Bethel, Maine. 9-12

FOR SALE—Chamber set bed and spring, 8 foot table and new folding board. Inquire of H. M. Orgood, Bethel, Me. 9-13

WANTED—A waitress at Maple Inn, Bethel, Me. 9-20

WANTED—A dining room stove for wood, also a set of hardware fixtures stove. H. A. Parkard, Bethel, Maine, R. P. D. I. 9-20 25 p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Knives and sister. C. L. Lyon, Bethel, Me. 9-20 21

WANTED—Man or boy for year round farm work. Stabling, references and wages expected in first letter. Cig. ashes smokers need not apply. Arthur W. Richardson, Old Orchard, Maine. 9-20 21

WHITE CHINER PIG FOR SALE—Pigs, wean 14 Oct. 2. Robert and wife, Hastings, Bethel, Me. 9-27 17

FOR SALE—Building reliable for a garage, also a henhouse. Inquire of A. F. Copeland, Bethel, Me. 9-27 17

FOR SALE—Fifer Mots in good con-
dition. Inquire of Harry Hastings,
Bethel, Me. 9-27 21 p

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TO OUR READERS:

If you desire any extra copies of the Citizen, please let us know about it not later than Wednesday morning so we do not print more than we need for our regular subscribers.

LOCKE'S MILLS

W. B. Rand and son, John, returned to New Haven, Conn., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stinson are making a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Heighton, of Pittsfield, Mass.

Mrs. Chase and daughter, Daisy and Jacqueline, are camping at McLean's camp for a few weeks.

Stanley Abbott was in Bethel, N. H., Sunday.

Mr. Donald Tuckett and son John are guests of relatives at McLean's camp.

Mr. W. H. Goodwin was a guest of relatives at North Brookfield, Worcester County, Mass., on Saturday.

EFFECTIVE

Having the power to produce an effect or influence, producing a decided or lasting effect, efficient, efficacious, operative. — Webster's.

Every woman in New England should follow the Household Pages as the Housewife and Sunday School.

The Globe prints its Household Pages monthly and includes an every woman who manages a home.

This page is printed as color the Household Pages and Sunday School and clearly from your typewriter or newspaper.

RESOLUTIONS

With the members of Parley Chapter, No. 102, Order of the Eastern Star we join in sorrowfully noting the passing away of our sister, Alice Swan Brown, who has faithfully served as Conductor for four years.

Overtaken in the prime of life, when she was most useful to family and associates, and most needed, we particularly feel sympathy for the young son and husband, as well as mother, father and brother who survive.

It is resolved, that we comfort ourselves with the thought that it was by our Heavenly Father's good will that our sister was called from the scenes of her life.

Resolved, that we bow in submission to the will of Him who has infinite wisdom and "doubt all things well."

Resolved, that our sympathy goes out to her near and dear ones who remain to mourn her going away.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Chapter, printed in the Oxford County Citizen, and a copy sent to the husband, who faithfully cared for her to the end of her life.

L. H. WIGHT,
ANGIE WIGHT,
HARRIET HALL,
Com. on Resolutions

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas it has been the will of our Great Creator to remove from our midst Brother H. M. Williamson,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the members of Bear River Grange extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Resolved that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy be placed upon our records, and a copy be printed in the Oxford County Citizen.

R. P. DAVIS,
C. P. SAUNDERS,
E. E. BENNETT,
Com. on Resolutions.

SOUTH ALBANY

Miss Verma J. Kimball was a week and guest at her home.

Robert Hill was home from Bridgton, Saturday night.

Mr. George H. Bray and Mr. Leslie Evans from South Portland were Sunday callers at James Kimball's.

James Stone and Lyman Shedd from Harrison called at Roy G. Wardwell's, Thursday, en route.

Mrs. Mattie Rand is working for Mrs. Roland Ellister, who has a young son.

Arthur Eugene Wardwell was sick Friday and unable to attend school.

Ivan Kendall carried two packages down to Leland Flint's, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lewis were at Mr. Lewis' home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berthier and son attended the fair at West Bethel last week.

A large crowd attended the Circle at the vestry, Thursday evening.

Mr. C. M. Fullerton was in Lexington recently.

SONG POND

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barb visited to Androscoggin Dam, Dennis Neck, Colebrook and Lancaster last Thursday, a trip of about 200 miles, returning home all well.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Offord of Lewiston are spending a few days at Lake Coop.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gilmore and Mrs. Addie Lincoln met up from Androscoggin, to visit the latter's brother, H. O. Donahue, and wife.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arden Johnson were guests of Mrs. L. W. Howell at her cottage, "Kingsbury" Tuesday.

Mrs. Herman Brown and children were in Norway, Tuesday, en route. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barb were callers at Mrs. Hartmann's at Mayville, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Miller, Monday.

Serge Morris School will hold a fair at the pond to be W. R. Flint's.

Don't WORRY

For the love of God, don't worry. You're doing what you can, and you're doing it well. Don't worry. You're doing what you can, and you're doing it well.

Take . . .

LF HEALTH brings Happiness

BETHEL AND VICINITY

(Continued from page 1)

Mrs. I. H. Wight has a new Buick car.

Mr. W. C. Bryant has a new Hudson sedan.

Mr. T. A. Emes has purchased a Star touring car.

Mr. P. O. Brineck has completed her duties at Maple Inn.

Mr. Roy Cummings has purchased a new Ford touring car.

Mr. E. C. Park was a business visitor in Berlin, N. H., Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Swan have gone to their home at Swan's Corner.

A large number from here attended the fair at Newry Corner, Saturday.

The many friends of Mr. D. S. Hastings regret to learn of his poor health.

Miss Alice Brown has gone to Boston where she will enter the Boston School of Domestic Science.

Mr. Clarence Philbrook has gone to Northfield, Vt., where he is a student at Norwich University.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Conroy and party from Mechanic Falls spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Conroy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert H. Baker and daughter, June, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Churchill.

Don't forget the change of time for the Rebekah meeting from 8 o'clock to 7:30, beginning Monday, Oct. 2.

Mrs. Frank Flint received word Wednesday of the death of Mr. Flint's sister's husband, Mr. Charles Lord.

Mr. Albert Clark left Monday for his home in Sharon, Pa., after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Haggard of Portland and Mrs. Addie Adams and son, Walter of Waterford were callers at the Haggard farm recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake of Hayhill, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adams of Melrose, Mass., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tyler.

Mr. Lucius Tyler leaves Thursday for Boston where he will enter the College of Business Administration, Boston University. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler will accompany him.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Clark and son, Albert, and Mrs. T. B. Bark motored to Dixville Notch one day last week. On their return home they visited relatives in Gorham, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins of South Paris are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son born Sept. 21. Mrs. Perkins was formerly Miss Agnes Hotchkiss of Bethel.

Mrs. Miss Harriman has returned to her home in town after spending a few weeks in Boston with her sister, Miss Minnie Chapman. Other relatives home who visited relatives in South Paris.

The service at the Congregational Church last Sunday evening was most interesting and instructive. Mr. and Mrs. Warner gave a splendid talk on Japan as illustrated by stereopticon views.

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land.

The Parent Teacher Association will hold a fall sale at the brick school Saturday afternoon, Sept. 29, from 2 to 4. Household items will be on sale. Tea will also be served during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown and daughter, Jean, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Weston Barr and daughter, Virginia, to Somerville, Friday, where Mr. and Mrs. Barr spent a few days. Mr. Barr has entered Yale University at New Haven, Conn.

Ward was buried in town Saturday at the death of Mr. Will Kendall of Franklin, Vt. Mr. Kendall was a brother of Mr. Frank Kendall of Bethel, and will be remembered by many of our readers as a former rector of this church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chaudry of Anson came to Bethel last Wednesday accompanied by their grandsons, Mr. and Mrs. Max Twissell of Lowell, Mass., and Mr. Romeo Twissell of Lynn, Mass. The Twissells brothers formerly lived in Bethel and will be remembered as sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Twissell.

Keep the New Car New

Makes the Old Car Like New

OXFORD COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

(Continued from page 1)

The annual meeting of the Oxford County Sunday School Association will be held at the Congregational church at Bethel on Friday, Sept. 28, when the following program will be carried out:

MORNING

10:00 Service of Praise (Songs of Service)

Scripture and Prayer

Led by Rev. Fred Bannister

Greetings

Appointment of Committees

From Rumford to Bethel—Reports

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Divisional Superintendents

Religious Education in Oxford County—A Survey

Address, "Bringing Christ Near Through the Story"

Mrs. G. Edgar Wolfe, Lewiston Dinner

AFTERNOON

1:15 Service of Praise (Songs of Service)

Prayer

Mr. Bannister

The Workers' Conference,

Rev. E. H. Brewster

County Business

Roll Call of Districts with Brief Reports

The County Record

Adoption of County and District Standard (Proposed)

The County Budget and Appointment of Business Committee

Election of Officers and Installation

Institute Hour

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